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REF: A. JAKARTA 3395

[1](#)B. JAKARTA 3341

[1](#)1. (U) This message is Sensitive but Unclassified -- Please handle accordingly.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Assistant Secretaries: As you are well aware, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) talks recently concluded in Bali, Indonesia on December 15 with the "Bali Roadmap." While the USG spent considerable time and energy supporting the overall negotiations, Mission also sought to leverage the presence of so many Congressional visitors in Bali to call attention to the extraordinary importance and depth of our bilateral relationship with Indonesia. Our visitors were very receptive to this message and I believe there is substantial room for follow-on dialogue about Indonesia in Washington. A full list of the Congressional participants that attended the UNFCCC talks in Bali is included in paragraph 8.

[1](#)3. (SBU) As reported in Refs A and B, Senator Kerry and Representative Faleomavaega demonstrated considerable enthusiasm for our message about the importance of Indonesia. Senator Kerry and Representative Faleomavaega would both likely welcome periodic updates on the relationship, as well as suggestions on how they could help deepen bilateral engagement.

[1](#)4. (SBU) In addition, a total of roughly 40 staffers from the Senate and House traveled to Bali to attend the UNFCCC talks. Mission briefed the staffers on Indonesia's status as an "environmental super-power" in terms of its bio-diversity and the extent of its natural resources, while underscoring the alarming rate of degradation taking place. I also had occasion to brief our Congressional visitors on USG efforts to define a "strategic center" to U.S.-Indonesian relations. This "strategic center" would encompass three areas: 1. Reform--How does the U.S. support the massive reform efforts underway in Indonesia? 2. Security--How do we develop a stronger relationship with both the police and the military? [1](#)3. Connections--How do we encourage Indonesia to open up to the outside world?

[1](#)5. (SBU) During the course of the two week UNFCCC talks, it became readily apparent that there is a considerable appetite for greater dialogue about Indonesia in the U.S. Congress. I will cite just a few of the numerous examples. Margaret Cumisky from Senator Inouye's staff told Mission that Senator Inouye believes Indonesia "deserves more attention than it gets." Ms. Cumisky demonstrated great interest in Indonesia herself and would like to identify ways to help advance the relationship. Jim Greene from Senator Biden's staff characterized the environmental briefing he received on

Indonesia as "the highlight of his trip," and underscored the fact that Senator Biden tracks Indonesian affairs very closely. Greene went out of his way to meet with Acehenese Governor Irwandi in Bali and noted that Senator Biden follows the Aceh reconstruction issue in detail. Greene also mentioned that Senator Biden would like to find ways to help the decentralization efforts in Aceh and Papua move forward. Richard Frandsen from the Energy and Commerce Committee also expressed great appreciation for a Mission briefing he received on avian influenza.

¶6. (SBU) Throughout the Bali conference, I was continually struck by the palpable enthusiasm and interest in Indonesian affairs shown by our Congressional visitors. The United States has a remarkable opportunity to help this country of over 240 million people secure a bright future, while building the foundation for a long-term partnership in a strategic corner of the world. We believe the Congressional visitors that attended the UNFCCC talks share this vision for our relationship with Indonesia and will be receptive to further engagement with the Department as we look for ways to move forward USG legislative priorities for Indonesia.

¶7. (U) Mission would be pleased to provide additional information and looks forward to assisting in ongoing contacts with key interlocutors. Regards, Cameron.

¶8. (U) A listing of Congressional participants at the UNFCCC talks in Bali:

Senators:	Committee/Office
Kerry, John (D-MA)	Foreign Relations

Representatives	
Faleomavaega, Eni (D-AS)	Foreign Affairs

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Senate Staff:

Barron, Alexander (Congressional Fellow)	Office of Sen. Lieberman (AAAS)
Black, Jonathan (Professional Staff Member)	Energy and Natural Resources
Cummisky, Margaret (Staff Director)	Commerce, Science and Transportation
Darcy, Jo-Ellen	Finance (Senior Environmental Advisor)
Deschamps, Floyd (Senior Advisor)	Commerce, Science and Transportation
Frangione, Kathleen (Assistant)	Office of Sen. Kerry (Legislative)
Greene, Jim (Advisor)	Office of Sen. Biden (Senior Policy)
Johnston, Todd (Assistant)	Office of Sen. Voinovich (Legislative)
Lawler, Tom (Assistant)	Office of Sen. Carper (Legislative)
Maher, Jessica (Advisor)	Office of Sen. Sanders (Senior)
Matwyshen, Suzanne (Assistant)	Office of Sen. Vitter (Legislative)
Maxwell, Chelsea	Office of Sen. Warner (Senior Advisor)
McIntosh, David	Office of Sen. Lieberman (Counsel)
Morano, Marc (Communications Director)	Environment and Public Works
Parker, Darren (Assistant)	Office of Sen. Craig (Research)
Rafle, Peter (Communications Director)	Environment and Public Works
Shanahan, John	Environment and Public Works (Counsel)
Stoody, John (Assistant/Counsel)	Office of Sen. Bond (Legislative)
Thu, Eric (Research Assistant)	Environment and Public Works
Wade, David (of Staff)	Office of Senator Kerry (Deputy Chief of Staff)

Whiting, Daniel Director)	Office of Sen. Craig (Communications
Worrest, Virginia	Office of Sen. Snowe (Senior Advisor)
Zulkosky, Ann (Professional Staff Member)	Commerce, Science and Transportation

House Staff:

Baran, Jeff (Counsel)	Oversight and Government Reform
Beauvais, Joel	Select Committee on Energy
Independence and Global Warming	
Bennett, Aimee Brooke (Counsel)	Oversight and Government Reform
Bilas, Kurt	Energy and Commerce (Counsel)
Cohen, Ana Unruh	Select Committee on Energy
Independence and Global Warming	
Forsyth, Bart Counsel)	Office of Rep. Sensenbrenner (Science
Frandsen, Richard	Energy and Commerce (Senior Counsel)
Hummel, L. Holmes Fellow)	Office of Rep. Inslee (Legislative
Husar, Kristina Moore (Professional Staff Member)	Oversight and Government Reform
Jones, Eric (Counsel)	Oversight and Government Reform
Killion, David Member)	Foreign Affairs (Professional Staff
King, Christopher Staff Member)	Science and Technology (Professional
Lei, Vili	Foreign Affairs (Staff Associate)
McCarthy, David	Energy and Commerce (Counsel)
Rothschild, Tara Staff Member)	Science and Technology (Professional
Weimer, Tom	Select Committee on Energy
Independence and Global Warming	(Chief of Staff)
Williams, Lisa	Foreign Affairs (Staff Director)

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